

SEIZURES / CONVULSIONS

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Is patient alert?
Is patient breathing normally?
Describe what the patient is doing.
Is the patient still seizing?
How long has the patient been seizing?
Has the patient had a seizure before?
Does the patient have a medic alert bracelet on?
 ☐ If yes, what does it say?
Is the patient a diabetic?
If child: ☐ Has the child been sick?
 ☐ Does the child have a fever or feel hot?

If female: ☐ Is the woman pregnant?
Is the patient a recreational drug user?
Has the patient had a recent head injury?
 ☐ If yes, before or after the seizure?
 ☐ Within the last three days?

SIMULTANEOUS ALS/BLS

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Unconscious/not breathing normally.
Decreased level of consciousness.
Not breathing after seizure stops.
Extended seizures greater than 5 minutes.
Multiple seizures.
Febrile seizure.
First time seizure or seizure, unknown history.
Diabetic.
Pregnant.
Secondary to drug overdose.
Secondary to recent head injury.
Any seizure that is different than normal

BLS DISPATCH

Single seizure with history of seizure disorder

CONVULSIONS / SEIZURES

Pre-Arrival Instructions

Clear area around the patient.

Do not restrain patient.

Do not place anything in patient's mouth.

After seizure has stopped, check to see if patient is breathing.

If not, Determine appropriate age group.

Go to CARDIAC/RESPIRATORY ARREST instructions for appropriate age group

Have patient lie on side.

If patient is a child, remove clothing to cool patient if hot and feverish.

Gather patient medications, if any.

If the patient's condition changes, call me back.

Prompts

Any seizure with an unknown medical history is assumed to be a first time seizure.
If unconscious after seizure, go to UNCONSCIOUS/BREATHING NORMALLY
AIRWAY CONTROL

Short Report

Age
Sex
Specific location
Chief complaint
Pertinent related symptoms
Medical/Surgical history, if any
Other agencies responding
Any dangers to responding units